

Quantum fields on curved momentum space

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Less known context in which *free* QFT manifests non-trivial features:
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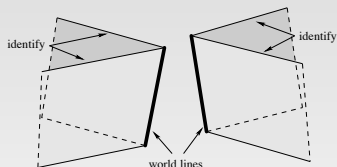
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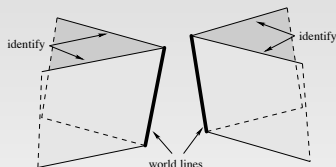
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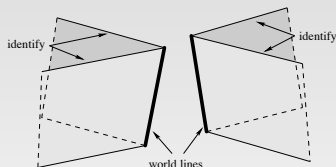
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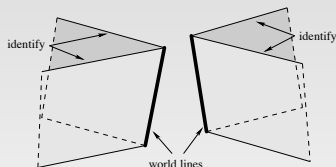
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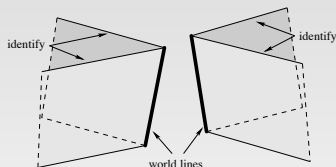
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Momenta become coordinate functions on a non-abelian group!

- **Warm up: free field quantization and observables**
- **“Bending” phase space in 3d: running spectral dimension**
- **κ -quantum fields: two-point function and a new quantization ambiguity**

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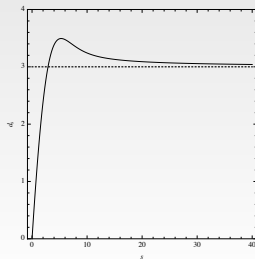
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is NOT an **eigenstate** of P_μ due to the role of **non-trivial coproduct**

Multi-particle states of κ -**Fock-space** are built via a “**momentum dependent**” **symmetrization**

- “modulated flip” $\sigma^\kappa = \mathcal{F}_\kappa \sigma \mathcal{F}_\kappa^{-1}$, $\mathcal{F}_\kappa = \exp\left(\frac{1}{\kappa} P_0 \otimes P_j \frac{\partial}{\partial P_j}\right)$ such that

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- E.g. there will be **two** 2-particle states

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with **same energy** and different linear momentum

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given n -different modes one has $n!$ **different** n -particle states, one for each permutation of the n modes $\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2 \dots \mathbf{k}_n$

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- e.g. the state superposition of two total “classical” energies $\epsilon_A = \epsilon(\mathbf{k}_{1A}) + \epsilon(\mathbf{k}_{2A})$ and $\epsilon_B = \epsilon(\mathbf{k}_{1B}) + \epsilon(\mathbf{k}_{2B})$ can be entangled with the additional hidden modes e.g.

$$|\Psi\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2}(|\epsilon_A\rangle \otimes |\uparrow\rangle + |\epsilon_B\rangle \otimes |\downarrow\rangle)$$

...possible consequences for phenomenology?

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Conclusions

- Relativistic symmetries can be deformed to allow “**curvature**” for **momentum space**
- Strong motivations to look at such deformations from **2+1 gravity coupled to relativistic particles**...application: appearance of *running spectral dimension*
- Quantization of (free) field theories with group valued momenta leads to **ambiguities** related to the different choices of translation generators...physical interpretation of such ambiguities?
- What role of **deformed 2-point functions** for “trans-planckian” issues in semiclassical gravity (BH evaporation, Inflation)??
- At the multiparticle level the non-trivial behaviour of field modes leads to a **fine structure of Fock space**: interesting **entanglement** phenomena can take place